

**CHAPTER NO. 218**

**SENATE BILL NO. 301**

**By Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 558**

**By Henri Brooks, Cooper, Bowers, Lois DeBerry, Larry Turner, John DeBerry,  
Ulysses Jones, Miller, Brown**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21, relative to violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-905, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:


§ 4-21-905. (a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice under this part may file a complaint with the state department, agency or entity receiving the funds within one hundred eighty (180) days of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory act. Any such complaint filed with a state department, agency or entity is subject to review by the Title VI compliance commission for applicability under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

(b) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice under this part may also file a complaint with the Title VI compliance commission, in the same manner established in § 4-21-302, for other discriminatory practices. If such a complaint is filed with the Title VI compliance commission pursuant to this section, then the commission shall exercise the same powers and shall observe the same procedures as are set forth in Part 3 of this chapter for the human rights commission when complaints of other discriminatory practices are filed with the commission pursuant to § 4-21-302.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 15, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR